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CULTURAL ACTIVITIES (DOCUMENT 104 EX/29; ITEM 5.7.1)

1. REMINISCENT OF THE PREVIOUS DAY'S DISCUSSION OF THE
STATUS OF THE ARTIST (ITEM 5.5.1, REPORTED IN PARIS
15365), THE EXAMINATION OF THIS ITEM FOUND FOUR
SPEAKERS AGAINST AND NONE FOR. JAPAN OPENED THE
DEBATE, SUGGESTING THAT THE ITEM BE POSTPONED TILL
21ST GENERAL CONFERENCE. SUPPORT CAME FROM THE
REPRESENTATIVE OF MAURITIUS, WHO SAID HE WAS SPEAKING
ALSO FOR INDIA (ABSENT). USDEL (SCIATT SANDVED) NOTED
THE UNLIKELYHOOD OF SUCH DATA BEING COLLECTABLE IN THE
USA, AND EVEN IF THEY WERE, THEY WOULD BE TOTALLY MIS-
LEADING. HE WAS SUPPORTED IMMEDIATELY BY THE UK REPRE-
SENTATIVE. NOBODY ELSE ASKED FOR THE FLOOR.

2. PX COMMISSION CHAIRMAN EL-WAKIL STATED MEEKLY THAT
HE WAS AGREEABLE TO RECOMMEND POSTPONEMENT TILL 21ST
SESSION, BUT ADG RIGAUD MADE A STRONG APPEAL TO REFER IT
TO THE 20TH AS REQUESTED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL. HE
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WAS ECHOED BY BEN-AMOR, CHIEF OF THE STATISTICS SECTION.
FOLLOWING THESE APPEALS, THE CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT THE
RECOMMENDATION BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. USDEL WAS
UNDER INSTRUCTION NOT TO OBJECT, AND DID NOT OBJECT TO
HAVING THE ITEM PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THE 20TH
GENERAL CONFERENCE.

3. THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOW DIFFICULT IT IS
TO ABORT AN INITIATIVE THAT HAS THE BACKING OF THE
DG. IN THIS REPORTER'S OPINION, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN
BETTER HAD BOTH THIS PROPOSAL AND THE ONE ON THE
STATUS OF THE ARTIST BEEN NIPPED IN THE BUD.
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